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1. SUMMARY: POLISH DELEGATION CHAIRMAN EDWARD BABIUCH SUMMED UP THE
CONFERENCES WORK FROM HIS PARTYS VIEWPOINT IN AN ADDRESS
ON OCT 18 THAT TRYBUNA LUDU PUBLISHED THE NEXT DAY (TEXT

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PRESUMABLY AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT). ASIDE FROM SUPPORTING

THE CALL FOR A FULL EUROPEAN CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1975, BABIUCH MADE SOME NOTEWORTHY POINTS ON CSCE, COOPERATION WITH OTHER LEFTISTS, AND FURTHER CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. CSCE: THE CONFERENCE, "WE JUDGE, SHOULD BE CONCLUDED SUCESSFULLY AT THE BEGINNING OF NEXT YEAR", BABLIUCH DECLARED. ADDRESSING THE BASKET III CONTROVERSY, HE PRESENTED THE SOCIALIST POSITION IN POSITIVE TERMS, STATING THAT "WE ARE FOR THE FULLEST DEVELOPMENT OF A REAL EXCHANGE OF THE PRODUCSTS OF CULTURE AND SCIENCE AND FOR BRAOD CONTACTS AMONG PEOPLE." "SOCIALISM", HE CONTINUED, "HAS EVERY CHANCE TO WIN IN THE CONFRONTATION OF IDEAS..." BABIUCH ALSO INDICATED THAT THE CONVENING OF PAN-EUROPEAN CP CONFERENCE WOULD FOLLOW SOON AFTER SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF CSCE.

3. COOPERATION WITH NON-COMMUNIST PROGRESSIVE FORCES: NOTING THAT "COOPERATION OF COMMUNISTS WITH SOCIALISTS, SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, AND OTHER DEMOCRATIC TENDENCIES" HAS ALREADY HAD "GREAT IMPORTANCE" FOR THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE AND SECURITY, BABIUCH SAID THAT THE FURTHER BROADENING OF THE PLANES OF THIS COOPERATION "WILL BECOME ONE OF THE IMPORTANT TOPICS OF THE CONFERENCE OF OUR PARTIES". HE INDICATED LATER IN HIS SPEECH THAT THE LCY MIGHT HOST A "SEMINAR" DEVOTED TO THIS SUBJECT.

4. IN A BROAD DISCUSSION OF THE FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES ON THE EUROPEAN SCENE AND THE COMMUNISTS LEADING ROLE, BABIUCH HAD ALSO CITED THE GROWING INFLUENCE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTIES IN THE WEST AND THEIR TIGHTENING ALLIANCES "WITH OTHER DEMOCRATIC FORCES." WITH REGARD TO THE WORLD SCENE, HE CLAIMED THAT THE GROWING ACTIVITY OF THE "NONALIGNED COUNTRIES FAVORS US".

5. ON THE TASKS AHEAD, BABIUCH DECLARED THAT THE PZPR BELIEVES THAT THE WORK OF THE CONSULTATIVE MEETING IN WARSAW "PROVIDES THE BASIS FOR THE FORMULATION OF THE PURPOSE AND AGENDA" OF A FULL EUROPEAN CONFERENCE, AND HE CALL ED FOR "IMMEDIATE COMMENCEMENT" OF WORK ON DOCUMENTS FOR THAT MEETING. IT WAS IN THIS CONNECTION THAT HE MENTIONED THE "IDEA OF SEMINARS" THAT HAD ARISEN AT THE CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXPRESSED PZPR SUPPORT SPECIFICALLY FOR ONE DEVOTED TO COOPERATION BETWEEN COMMUNISTS AND OTHER LEFTISTS. "IT SUITS US VERY MUCH" THAT THE YUGOSLAV PARTY SHOULD HOST SUCH A SEMINAR, HE NOTED.

6. COMMENT: A CORRESPONDENT WHO SPOKE WITH SEVERAL DELEGATES AT THEIR HOTEL HERE TOLD US THE "POPULAR", OR "UNITED", FRONT IDEA SEEMED TO HAVE WIDE CURRENCY, ESPECIALLY AMONG THE

WESTERN PARTIES. HE OPINED THAT THE SOVIETS MUST TAKE A JAUNDICED VIEW OF SUCH A PROPOSITION. HOWEVER, THE CONCEPT HAD BEEN METIONED APPROVINGLY BY BOGUMIL SUJKA, A PZPR DELEGATE, IN AN ARTICLE LAST MAY (REF B), AND BABIUCH'S FORMULATION STRIKES US AS SIGNIFYING FORMAL PZPR APPROVAL, AT LEAST FOR THE PROPOSAL TO STUDY THE SUBJECT FURTHER. REGARDLESS OF WHAT RESERVATIONS THE SOVIETS MAY HAVE, BABIUCH WOULD HARDLY HAVE VOICED PZPR SUPPORT WITHOUT SOVIET ACQUESCENCE.

7. PAP'S ENGLISH TEXT, DATED OCT 18, MAKES BABIUCH'S REMARKS CONCERNING CONCLUSION OF CSCE APPEAR SOMEWHAT EQUIVOCAL IT READS: "... (CSCE) WHICH, WE HOPE, WOULD BE SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED EARLY NEXT YEAR". THE POLISH VERSION PUBLISHED OCTOBER 19 IN TRYBUNA LUDU, FROM WHICH WE HAVE QUOTED IN PARA 2, IS STRONGER: "...KTORA---JAK SADZIMY--POWINNA ZAKONCZYC SIE SUKCESEM NA POZATKU PRZYSZLEGO ROKU".
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